Preliminary Amendment

Amendments to the Specification:

Please add the following title and paragraph on page 2, before line 1;

-- CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS

This application is a continuation of application Serial No. 09/790,294, filed on February 22, 2001. Priority is claimed on that application and on a corresponding application filed in Germany on February 23, 2000, No. 100 08 218.1. --